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a seal with an inner diameter sized to receive the first portion of the hollow elbow adapter and an outer diameter sized to substantially eliminate fluid leakage between the elbow fitting and an external fitting that is threadingly received by the threaded nut.

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10. (Amended) A swivel drop ear elbow fitting, comprising:

a threaded nut including a plurality of integrated attachment ears located along an external periphery of the threaded nut, wherein each of the attachment ears includes an aperture for receiving a fastener for securing the threaded nut to a stationary support;

a retaining ring;

a hollow elbow adapter including a first portion centrally positioned with respect to a first axis and a second portion centrally positioned with respect to a second axis, wherein the second axis is not colinear with the first axis, and wherein an outer surface of the first portion of the elbow adapter is shaped to receive the retaining ring which retains the threaded nut on the first portion of the hollow elbow adapter while allowing the hollow elbow adapter to rotate with respect to the threaded nut; and

a seal with an inner diameter sized to receive the first portion of the hollow elbow adapter and an outer diameter sized to substantially eliminate fluid leakage between the elbow fitting and an external fitting that is threadingly received by the threaded nut.

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17. (Amended) A swivel drop ear elbow fitting, comprising:

a threaded nut including a plurality of integrated attachment ears located along an external periphery of the threaded nut, wherein each of the attachment ears includes an aperture for receiving a fastener for securing the threaded nut to a stationary support, and wherein threads of the threaded nut are straight threads;

a retaining ring;

a hollow elbow adapter including a first portion centrally positioned with respect to a first axis and a second portion centrally positioned with respect to a second axis, wherein the second axis forms an obtuse angle with respect to the first axis, and wherein an outer surface

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of the first portion of the elbow adapter is shaped to receive the retaining ring which retains the threaded nut on the first portion of the hollow elbow adapter while allowing the hollow elbow adapter to rotate with respect to the threaded nut; and

 a cone-shaped seat made of one of an elastomeric material and rubber with an inner diameter sized to receive the first portion of the hollow elbow adapter and an outer diameter sized to substantially eliminate fluid leakage between the elbow fitting and an external fitting that is threadingly received by the threaded nut.

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